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JUDGE MAYER SETTING THE WOODS ON FIRE

Is Pushing His Battle Lines Into the Territory of His Opponents

Meeting with Encouragement and Success at All Points Which He Visits

Mayer's Speaking Dates
St. Genevieve, Monday, July 5, 10 a. m.
St. Marys, Monday, July 5, 2 p. m.
Perryville, Monday, July 5, 8 p. m.
Oak Ridge, Tuesday, July 6, 11 a. m.
Jackson, Tuesday, July 6, 2 p. m.
Cape Girardeau, Tuesday, July 6, 8 p. m.
Illmo, Wednesday, July 7, 10 a. m.
Chaffee, Wednesday, July 7, 12 noon.
Benton, Wednesday, July 7, 2 p. m.
Oran, Wednesday, July 7, 4 p. m.
Sikeston, Wednesday, July 7, 8 p. m.
Morehouse, Thursday, July 8, 10 a. m.
Blodgett, Thursday, July 8, 2 p. m.
Charleston, Thursday, July 8, 8 p. m.
New Madrid, Friday, July 9, 10 a. m.
Portageville, Friday, July 9, 2 p. m.
Caruthersville, Friday, July 9, 8 p. m.
Malden, Saturday, July 10, 10 a. m.
Campbell, Saturday, July 10, 1 p. m.
Senath, Saturday, July 10, 4 p. m.
Kennett, Saturday, July 10, 8 p. m.
Judge Charles H. Mayer, who is never too tired to speak, or too slow to fill an appointment, was home for a few moments this week, and after a few words with his friends departed on his tour which will practically take in the entire state before he concludes



Judge Charles Holt Mayer

his campaign. On Thursday he spoke at De Soto, at Keosauqua and Fredricktown Friday, and at Flat River, Bonne Terre and Farmington today. At all points he is meeting with flattering receptions and much encouragement.

Letters sent out from friends in this city to friends at other state points have done much good in the campaign, and all who would help him are expected to keep up this part of the work.

As indicating how his campaign is progressing in other parts of the state the attached press clippings will fully demonstrate. In its issue of June 25 the Centralia Courier says:

The Courier Speaks

"We are for Charles H. Mayer for governor. This does not mean that we are against either of the other Democrats seeking the honor. We are for Mayer because he is a native of Boone county; because he was raised in the neighboring town of Sturgeon; because he is clean in his private life and the soul of honor and integrity in his business and official life; because he has the courage of his convictions; because he has the backbone to enforce the law; because he had the nerve to publicly denounce a high official who was responsible for St. Joseph, Mayer's home town, having the most dissolute and vilest of infamy since the days of Sodomy; because, if nominated and elected, he will be the governor; because he is big enough, able enough, and courageous enough to make the state a splendid governor; because he will enforce the law without fear or favor; because you can absolutely depend upon him, in every emergency, to do the decent, honorable, righteous

thing; because the good men and women of Northwest Missouri are for him; because Sturgeon, the home of his early manhood, is for him most enthusiastically and unanimously; because he can be elected, and when elected will measure up to the best standard of an ideal executive. And there are other reasons, but these will suffice."

The Columbia Tribune
"It isn't because Charles Holt Mayer is a 'favorite son' of Boone county that the Daily Tribune endorses his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of Missouri. The more fact that a man's birthplace happens to be in the county in which a newspaper is published is alone no reason for that paper to espouse his cause. But when this fact is coupled with the further assurance that he is a Democrat of the old school, untainted by any lems or departures from the principles of the party to which he belongs, there is reason enough for Boone county Democrats to support him."

"And then, Mr. Mayer is the most available candidate. The term 'available' is susceptible of various interpretations. It may mean that a candidate has connections that are questionable, but still vote-producing. But when availability signifies principles and ability that attract the support of the best elements of a party—elements that only desire the best candidates to prevail—then does availability mean everything. These attributes Mr. Mayer has, and this is why The Tribune is for him for governor of Missouri."

"Charles H. Mayer was born in Boone county in 1876, at Sturgeon. Every man, woman and child in that section of Boone county is for him for governor. His candidacy is likewise endorsed practically all over the county. This is to be expected when as boy and man, one has always lived up to principles that are manly and honorable. Judge Mayer moved from his native hearth to St. Joseph, Buchanan county, and the characteristics that won the people where he was reared, obtained for him in St. Joseph and Northwest Missouri the distinguished position which he now occupies, and which merit alone won

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INDEPENDENTS WON AT SAVANNAH

The St. Joseph Independents of this city had the game of their lives at Savannah last Sunday, when they met Elmer Pennington's speedy locals in one of the hottest games played for some time on the Savannah diamond.

The pitchers fought the battle and did it gamely. Alders for the St. Joseph's allowed but one hit and struck out ten men, while Teare for the Savannah's allowed five hits and struck out seventeen men. The batteries were Alders and Yehle for St. Joseph, and Teare and Hurst for Savannah. When the battle was over the score stood 1 to 0 in favor of St. Joseph.

BOTHWELL OUT OF CONGRESSIONAL RACE

When Lawrence A. Bothwell's physician told him that the state of his health would not permit of the required excitement and exertion necessary for him to make the race for the republican nomination for congress in this district, he promptly announced to his friends that he would withdraw from the race—which he did Monday, much to the regret of his many friends who were supporting him loyally. This leaves but three men in the race—Charles L. Faust, Le Grande Baker and Allen May.

The largest judgment for a death claim given in this county for several years was that of a jury in Judge Allen's division Thursday, which gave John Elliott, administrator of the estate of his brother, Earl D. Elliott, \$30,000 against the Missouri Pacific railway. Earl Elliott was an engineer for that road and was killed at Greenleaf, Kansas, by slipping under his engine, through alighting on an ice covered station platform.

BOOZE, BOOZE, MORE BOOZE

Revenue Officials Busy and Filling the Custom House With Illicit Liquor and Stills.

A raid in Andrew county Friday night by a force of federal prohibition officers in charge of deputy United States Marshal Wheeler resulted in the capture near the Maxwell school house on the Palmer farm of one of the largest stills that so far has been seized. It would distill ten gallons of "white mule" per day, and then not half work. With it was captured a large amount of ready-made liquor, some home made beer, and a large amount of raisins and raisin mash. John Such, who operated the still, and Henry Heiner, alleged owner, were arrested and gave bond before Commissioner Duncan in the sum of \$1,000 each, to appear before the federal court.

From the Palmer place the posse went to Holmes farm, a mile west of the Maxwell school in this county, where they captured a smaller still and Gnarle Crenon and George Repeto, who were just beginning operations. With their paraphernalia they were brought to the federal building, where not being able to give bond, they were sent to jail, and their goods and chattels locked up. The second floor of the federal building is rapidly taking on the appearance of a moonshine distillery.

Late Saturday evening the posse went to the vicinity of Halls Station, where in a secluded place they captured another contraband still on the farm of Don Bres, which it is alleged was operated by Peter Chirila, a South St. Joseph grocer, who has been specially prominent in furnishing bond for men arrested lately on illicit distilling charges. He is now on the bond of nine of them with an amount of \$1,000 against each.

Chirila and Bres were captured after an exciting chase of over seven miles. As the detectives drove up to the place Chirila and Bres jumped into a car and fled, the detectives in pursuit. The chase led to near DeKalb, where the men were captured and brought to St. Joseph along with their still and wet goods. Chirila is alleged to be a partner of Heiner, the Andrew county distiller arrested the same day.

SMALL BUT UNAFRAID

An Oklahoma Midget Sheriff Takes Back a Giant to Answer For His Misdeeds.

A vast amount of curiosity was excited at the Union Station Tuesday by the spectacle of a giant of more than six feet, attached to a little midget of a man who with his 5 foot 6 was not at all afraid of his 6 foot 3 prisoner. The little man was James Wooley, the vest pocket edition of a sheriff of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the giant prisoner was George Kellenger, whom Wooley was taking from Minneapolis to Tulsa. They remained at the Union Station from the time of the arrival of the Great Western from the north, until the Rock Island pulled out for Tulsa that night, and the pair were the observed of all observers.

Wooley, who has a great reputation for courage, despite his 5 feet 6 inches, was taking the strapping prisoner from Winnipeg back to Tulsa, where he is wanted on a charge of killing Sherman Ward, a Tulsa grocer, after robbing him of \$300.

After that deed was committed, Kellenger was arrested in Winnipeg on a burglary charge, and served three years. When he emerged from the prison gates last week, the Lilliputian Oklahoma sheriff was waiting to receive him. Advised by Canadian authorities to take along several guards with him Wooley scorned the notion.

"I've handled worse than him," he said.

STREET RAILWAYS WANT ANOTHER HIKE

The street railway people have filled with the state public utilities commission notice of another desired increase in car fare, and electric heating schedules. The new rates asked for are a 2 cent street car fare, and a twenty-five cent raise in heating rates. Advancing cost of material and labor are given as the cause of the desired raise.

GOOD RAIN IN EAST ANDREW

While St. Joseph sweated and perspired Tuesday forenoon, and the dust blew in clouds, the people of eastern Andrew county were enjoying a crackerjack rain. At Helena, Cosby, Rochester and these territory tributary the downpour was so heavy that traveling on the roads was difficult for several hours.

WHAT WILL LEAD STATE DEMOCRACY TO VICTORY

WHEN THE FALL ELECTIONS COME OFF AND THE BATTLE HAS ENDED

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION

They Form a Page in the History of Missouri That Are Not Only Unique But Also Illustrate What Can Be Secured When Earnest and Prudent Business Men Set Out a Policy to Follow and How Straight to the Line Which Will Always Bring the Desired Results.

JEFFERSON CITY, July 1.—(Special Correspondence.)—The many big achievements of the Gardner-Sullivan-Middelkamp administration will be the huge asset on which the democratic state ticket will be elected in November by an overwhelming landslide majority, in the prediction of State Senator Mark A. McGraw of Sedalia, democratic floor leader of the last state senate, who has recently campaigned in forty of the party's stronghold counties. With over \$11,000,000 in gold in the state treasury at midnight Wednesday, June 30, 1920, and all regular monthly indebtedness and accounts, past and present, paid, Missouri was never more prosperous than it is at the present moment. Among the appropriations wiped out was the big deficit of \$2,250,000 which Governor Gardner encountered as an evergrowing menace to Missouri's credit when he became chief executive of the state in January, 1917, the same constituting a nightmare which had made good sleep almost an impossibility for both Governors Hadley and Major.

A special session of the Fifteenth General Assembly will be called for early in August, after the state-wide primary, to modify the revenue laws which started the inflow of gold, and to enact one which allows the state to

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THE BIG AGENCY PICNIC

It Will Take Place July 26th and the Democracy of the County Will Be There.

"On to Agency" will be the battle cry of the militant democracy of St. Joseph and Buchanan county July 24th, when the grand democratic picnic which has been a feature for many years will be pulled off. That sterling democrat, Wes McCauley, has been in the city several days this week looking after details and this in itself insures that all will be well.

The picnic this year will have a more than usual interest for the Democratic candidates, for they realize that at this gathering the fate of many a candidacy is settled—and they will improve the opportunity to boom their various candidacies.

Two years ago the morning paper here sought to make light of this great picnic, characterizing it as a democratic affair, and lampooning all of the democratic candidates. As the picnic resulted in a sweeping democratic victory, it is hoped that The Gazette will renew its attack this year.

TO CHECK SPTEDEERS

Kansas City Adopts a Plan Which Could Be Well Followed Here.

Kansas City has adopted a plan to check motor car speeders who are a menace to life and limb, which could be well followed here, where accidents, the result of careless and vicious driving, are of daily occurrence. The plan was suggested by the vigilance committee of the safety council and given to the police judges who follow it out.

The regulations provide that on the third conviction of any driver for one of three major offenses, he shall be assessed a fine of \$100. An option of paying the fine or continuing to drive a motor car for at least ten days is included in the punitive outline.

The vigilantes recommended that the fine be collected in the case of the motorist after having given the alternate punishment, is caught driving a motor car.

The three major offenses are speeding, driving to the left of a street car and passing a street car discharging or loading passengers.

ENDORSED FULLY BY BERLIN

"After all of the repudiations and separations from the go-go Chicago platform had been made," remarked W. N. Linn yesterday, "the patched up go-go platform has received the unqualified endorsement of Berlin—and that is the only endorsement that I have been able to get, note that has been given it," he smilingly added.

MEREDITH VISITS CITY

Democratic Candidate for Attorney-General of Missouri Given a Pleasing Reception.

Willis H. Meredith of Poplar Bluff, who with Senator Mark McGraw of Sedalia are the only two contestants in the race for the democratic nomination for attorney-general for Missouri, was in the city Monday meeting with some of his old friends and making new ones. Mr. Meredith is a pleasing and polished gentleman, and created a most favorable impression here. He was given a specially friendly reception by the bar of this city, and it is certain he helped his cause to a considerable extent. In speaking of his candidacy the Citizen-Democrat of Mr. Meredith's home city says:

"Willis H. Meredith was born in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1875. He at-



Willis H. Meredith

tended grammar and high school and the Southern Iowa Normal, taught school, and studied law in the New York Law School, when President Wilson was one of the instructors. He was admitted to practice by Supreme Court of Iowa in 1898, and moved to Poplar Bluff in 1900. He has taken an active part in politics in Southeast Missouri. In 1905 he was appointed a member of St. Francis River Commission by Gov. Folk. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1916 when the county was strongly Republican, and made an excellent record. He was nominated for circuit judge in 1918, and defeated by a party vote, the district being Republican. Mr. Meredith was for several years president of the Poplar Bluff Board of Education and is vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, a director in the Y. M. C. A., the public library and Poplar Bluff Trust Company. He is an elder in the Christian church and superintendent of the Sunday school, is married and the father of five children. Meredith is the type of man that makes a good official. He stands for clean politics, law and order, and if elected attorney-general will measure up to the highest traditions of Missouri."

HAS FOUND MONEY

And Now Mayor Marshall Wants to Spend It for An Unnecessary Audit.

A few weeks ago the city was so hard up for funds that for a time it looked as though the pay rolls would have to be passed—and Mayor Marshall was much exercised about that dearth of money.

And now that there is plenty coming in and the city has money—Mayor Marshall wants to spend the surplus—and he would do so by having an audit of the books—and for what purpose no one unless it be Mayor Marshall knows—and he wants to spend about \$1,500 just for this experiment.

NO NOMINATION AS YET

The great Democratic convention at San Francisco has been in full swing all of this week. There are now fourteen candidates placed in nomination for the presidency and it is expected that balloting will begin this morning.

THE "WET" AND THE "DRY" GOP JUDGESHIPS

RURAL REPUBLICANS WILL BATTLE HARD TO FORCE NOMINATION OF 3 "DRYS"

WHILE CITY BROTHERS WILL GO OTHER WAY

All of Which Promises to Make the Fight so Hot and Interesting That Nothing May Be Expected But Further Division in an Already Strife Torn Party. All of Which Will But Add to the Certainty Already Felt That the Democrats Will Elect All of the Judges.

JEFFERSON CITY, July 2.—(Special Correspondence.)—Rural republicans of Missouri will battle warmly against their partymen of the cities on primary day in the effort to force the nomination of three lawyers classed as being very "dry and arid," whom they favor as nominees for Supreme Court judges on the "dry" fall tickets. Urban republicans, the same occasion, will work just as strenuously for a victory for the trio of candidates the "wets" of the state have chosen for their standard bearers for the same high jurisprudence honors.

It is the first time in the history of Missouri that the wet and dry problem has been dragged into a party contest for Supreme Court judgeship nominations. It is not the candidates who have injected the bacchanal issue into this coming turbulent preliminary skirmish but the members of the two warring factions of the party in the endeavor of each to register a victory for a self-selected state, which, in the opinion of those personally interested, suits their views and purposes.

Three "wet" Supreme Court candidates are to be nominated and there are eight party aspirants for the places. As can be surmised considerable ill feeling already exists between the two contending "wet" factions.

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A "FROST" CLUB

About One Hundred Men Met to Launch a Boom That Will Have No Staying Qualities.

A Faust-for-Congress (frost) club was launched Monday night when somewhat less than half a hundred gobs met at the Lyceum for the purpose of inflating such a useless project. Offices for the nurturing of the incipient boom will be opened at once in the Donnell Court. A membership roll was opened and a number of the faithful "signed up."

Merrill E. Otis was elected president; J. G. Morgan, vice president; Bartlett Boder, secretary, and Ray R. Calkins, treasurer. Walter P. Fulkerson was selected as the head of the most important committee, namely finance, and it will be his bounden duty to see that Treasurer Calkins is provided with that most important portion of the campaign—the sinews of war—but since the presidential fountains have dried up, it is predicted that this is going to be some job.

All of the Old Guard—the faithful, Stauber, Philley, Toel, Marshall et al were on deck and are now full fledged members of the Frost-for-Congress club.

ANDY SINCLAIR IS DEAD

Andy Sinclair, who for over thirty years conducted the Gold Dust saloon opposite the Union Station, died quite suddenly Monday morning. He had been in ill health for some time, but his condition was not thought to be serious. He leaves a wife and one daughter, and one sister, the latter being Mrs. Belle Youngberg of Kansas City. The deceased was one of the early day railroad men and was very popular.

WILL ASK FOR NATURAL GAS

Within the next few days the city authorities will make a direct appeal to Judge Wilbur F. Booth, federal judge at Minneapolis, for the restoration of natural gas service to this city. The break at Leavenworth can be easily repaired and it is now proposed to carry the pipes across the old railroad bridge at that place, which would obviate any chance for trouble in bringing the product here.

A NEGRO ENTERED SAM VEGDER'S GROCERY

A negro entered Sam Vegder's grocery, 214 Patee street, Thursday, after throwing a knife at Mrs. Vegder, barely missing her head, rifled the till of \$7 and fled.

VAN WALLER ACTIVE

Is Pushing His Campaign in His Race for Judge of the First District.

On his highly productive and well managed farm five miles south of this city in Center township resides J. V. ("Van") as his many friends love to call him) Waller, and on that farm fifty-eight years ago he was born—and on it he has spent all of his life—which like his farm he has made a success in whatever he undertook—and he has made that success through honorable and fair dealing and the application of business methods to what he undertook. His mother was born and raised in Center township and his father lived there from 1847 to the day of his death three years ago. The Waller family has always stood high in the estimation of the community and Van Waller and wife and his eight children are no exception to the rule.

Mr. Waller has never held public office—and further has never sought public office—but now with the growing importance of the county and the need of capable and efficient democrats on the county court, which is one of the most important bodies in the county, Mr. Waller has entered the race for judge from the First district, and hopes to secure the nomination, which is equivalent to election. He has always been one of the most progressive democrats and is thoroughly familiar with the needs of this great county. Men, such as Waller, are needed on the county bench.

WILL DEFEAT GOPS

McMinnis Who Is Opposing Spencer Tells What the Democrats Firmly Believe.

J. L. McMinnis of St. Louis, who is opposing Seiden P. Spencer, the republican senatorial candidate from Missouri, is out in a statement which is good campaign material for the Democrats of Missouri. In an interview in St. Louis last week McMinnis said:

"To get at the very heart of the matter, do what else they may, by nominating Senator Spencer for senator and Mr. McMinnis for governor, or either of them, both of whom have received the benefit of Lowden money and have not only approved of Babler's conduct but of practices of that kind, the Republicans will increase Bablerism and invite certain defeat in November."

"Mr. McMinnis admits he accepted \$1,000 of Babler's money, and therein lies the 'poison.' Regardless of McMinnis's understanding or motive, his candidacy has been eliminated by the great body of Republicans who desire and deserve to win."

"The case against Senator Spencer is equally clear and much more, aggravated. His co-operation with the persons responsible for the Lowden money scandal reached its climax when he whitewashed the scandal. By that act he became directly responsible for the failure of the delegation to rescind Babler's election."

"We have no evidence that the names of all the delegates who received money have been mentioned, and we know money was spent for the election of nearly all of them."

ED S. DOUGLAS DEAD

Business Manager of Noyes Hospital Expires While on a Tour of Duty.

"I do not feel very well," remarked Edward S. Douglas, business manager of the Noyes Hospital, to Robert Smith, Jr., another employee, whom he met in the business office of the hospital at near noon on Thursday. As he spoke the words he placed his hand to his heart, and fell to the floor. When picked up he was dead, angina pectoris having stripped him of life.

Mr. Douglas was one of the well known business men of St. Joseph. Coming here when a small boy he became associated with the financial interests of the late Major T. J. Chew, with whom he was until the death of the latter. For fourteen years he was secretary of the Elks Club, and in 1916 went to his last position. He was never married, and leaves a sister, Miss Nellie Douglas, and a brother, Robert S. Douglas, both of whom reside at Birmingham, Alabama.

DR. GOODSON HELD

Dr. Fenton N. Goodson, the negro physician accused of causing the death of Bernetta Coleman, the woman found in the lake, was yesterday held in bond of \$15,000 by Justice Loomis before whom the preliminary examination was held.